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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of an Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on February 27, 2002. Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement along with PTO-1449 and date-stamped filing receipt.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and forward a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form.

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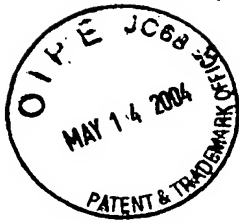
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

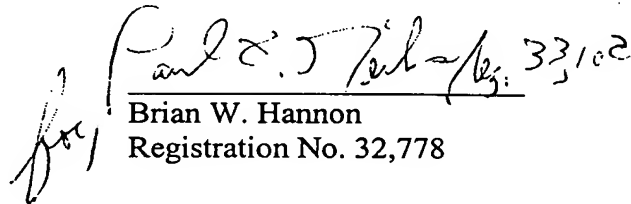
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